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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

BOX: AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 17, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action was due on June 17, 2000. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time to extend the period for response to September 17, 2000 is being filed herewith. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 4-6, 8, 11-17, 20, 21, 23 and 24 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for correcting defects in vision comprising [the steps of]:

a) cutting a small incision in the anterior surface of the cornea of an eye;

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